

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2021

The General Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, in the council room of the Shickshinny Municipal Building. President Rosalie Whitebread called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Per roll call, the following members of council were present: Rosalie Whitebread, Jim Wido, & Candice Kruczek & Joe Buchalski. Kevin Kruczek was absent.

President's Report- *Discussed Crary Street issue with the large hole that needs to be fixed immediately this can not wait until next year. This hole is not included in the current grant for Crary street and it will cost \$11,500 to repair. John Ackerman, Engineer wants to exclude Iren Street from the Grant in order to repair this hole. After some further discussion it was decided that a meeting needs to be held with the engineer, John Ackerman and Mohawk Contracting regarding discrepancies with the Crary Street Project and funding for it. This meeting will be set up for the following week.*

Motion to accept the presidents report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Joe Buchalski. Rosalie Whitebread abstained all other voted yes.

Engineer's Report- *attached- More discussion took place regarding Crary Street. Meeting to be set up with Engineer.*

Zoning Officer's Report: *- Report attached. Sonny discussed the report with the council members. Motion to accept the report was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Members voted yes.*

Solicitor's Report – *John Ackerman contacted Attorney Burke regarding the amount owed to the contractor for LSA grant, it was stated that \$9,200 for pay application that were approved, totaling \$9,200. Attorney Burke says be mindful that this contractor wants to be paid before continuing any additional work. Attorney Burke stated that he did not receive the maps for Crary Street yet. He needs the maps to determine the right of way at the top of Crary Street. Attorney Burke informed the council members that because the property at 125/127 West Union Street is up for tax sale it will cost the Borough around \$3 or 4,000 to settle this transaction to transfer the Deed for that property. The Borough will get some of that returned due to the fact that NW are school district and the Boro waived the taxes owed so that will be returned.*

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT- ** Motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 9, 2021, was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All members voted yes.*

Motion to approve the payment of Bills & Financial Statement was made by Candice Kruczek and seconded by Jim Wido. All Council Member voted yes.

Motion to accept the Secretaries report was made by Jim Wido and seconded by Candice Kruczek. All members voted yes.

Joseph Kishbaugh, President, Board of directors for the Berwick Area swimming pool is seeking contributions from the Borough through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in order to expand the Ber-Vaughn Pool by creating a slash pad.

The Luzerne County Recycling Department will hold their annual free used tire collection event on October 9, 2021 at the Hanover Area Jr. sr. high school from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Northwest area Quarterback club is seeking permission to hold their parade/bonfire in the park. Motion to approve the use of the park was made by

The grant received from the LSA for Street Improvements was discussed, Penn Dot State Representative Chris Geotz met with Lori to go evaluate the roads listed in the Grant, Chris suggested that the Borough repair the pot holes on each and then oil and chip all of them, he stated that these roads are in good shape and we would be throwing money away if they get repaved, by Oil and Chipping these roads you will be preserving them and it will extend their life for several more years.

Diane Noss addressed council regarding concerns with the creek that runs through South Main Street, this Creek always floods, DEP states that this is a drainage ditch which comes from under Grant Street, it is not an actual Creek. Diane asked the Borough if they would dredge/clean it up. The council members said they will look into this and check with DEP.

Motion to allow Tony Pszeniczny, Wyoming County Striders Club, to use the park as a start and finish for a foot race on October 24, 2021. Motion was made by Candice and seconded by Rosalie Whitebread. All members voted yes.

Motion was made to adjourn by James Wido & seconded by Candice Kruczek.

Council Members went into an executive session at 7:56 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7.56 p.m.

*Lori Ragazzo
Borough Secretary/Treasurer*